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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Advisory Action mailed June 20, 2006, and further in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 10, 2006, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on July 10, 2006. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.